(c) proposals for modification in the list of Scheduled Caste arc to processed in consultation with the concerned State Government, Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, which takes considerable time and it is not possible to indicate any time frame for finalizing such proposal.

Schemes for People below Poverty Line in Arunachal Pradesh

883. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched some schemes and programmes for upliftment of poor people living below the poverty line in the state of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in formulation and implementation of such welfare schemes in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The Government, in the Ministry of Social Justice *&,* Empowerment and in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, have launched several schemes for the upliftment of the people belonging to the weaker sections such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities, children disabled, aged persons, including those among these weaker sections who are living below the poverty line. These schemes are also available in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Residential Schools for SCs/STs

884. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to assist construction of more residential schools for SCs and STs as Centrally-sponsored scheme and to share 50 per cent of the maintenance costs as welfare measure; and

(b) if so, the action taken on such request from the Andhra Pradesh Government for helping tribal students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Under Centrally sponsored scheme no grant is given for construction and maintenance of residential schools for Scheduled Castes. However, grant is given to the State Government on 50:50 matching share basis and 100% grant is given to Union Territories for construction of hostels only. As regards Scheduled Tribes under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, funding for Establishment of Ashram School in Tribal Sub-Plan Area and for •construction of hostels is done with State Government on matching (50:50) basis and cent percent assistance is given to Union Territories.

(b) No proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for construction of residential schools under their Centrally sponsored scheme.

Schemes for Handicapped, SCs, STs, and OBCs in Bihar

† 885. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes and schemes of Government for handicapped, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Categories of the society in the State of Bihar;

(b) The latest position of implementation of the said schemes; and

(c) The funds sanctioned and released for these programmes and schemes during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) The information is given in the enclosed Statement.

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